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# Messages From the Department of Education

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## ACCOUNTABILITY, ASSESSMENT, CURRICULUM, AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

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### A. Smarter Balanced Approves Initial Achievement Level Descriptors (ALDs)

The Governing States of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (Smarter Balanced) approved initial achievement level descriptors (ALDs), which distinguish among the levels of student performance in English language arts/literacy and mathematics on the Smarter Balanced assessments. Adoption of the initial ALDs is part of an extensive collaboration between K-12 education agencies and institutions of higher education. The development of the initial ALDs began in October 2012. A six-month review process engaged a broad array of K-12 teachers, higher education faculty, content experts, and education partners through two rounds of public comment in November and February. The approved initial ALDs are based upon four levels of achievement that describe the level of rigor students have demonstrated: “thorough understanding,” “adequate understanding,” “partial understanding,” or “minimal understanding” of knowledge, skills, and processes for the two assessed Common Core content areas of English language arts/literacy and mathematics. Smarter Balanced is developing an integrated suite of ALDs that serve different purposes for item writing, standard-setting, and reporting results. Reporting ALDs, which will provide guidance to students and parents about how to interpret performance on the assessments, will be developed following standard setting in 2014. The complete English language arts/literacy and mathematics initial ALDs are available at <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/achievement-level-descriptors-and-college-readiness>.

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## CERTIFICATION

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### A. Alternative 4 or Alternative 5 Plans

If any districts have educators in their second year of Alternative 5 or their third year of Alternative 4 plans, please be aware that the completed plans are due no later than June 30, 2013. After that date they are no longer eligible for an intern license. They must have a recommendation that the plan is completed to be eligible for a beginning educator credential.

Contact: Karen Soule, (603) 271-4196, [Karen.Soule@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Karen.Soule@doe.nh.gov)

### B. Employment Reporting

Just a reminder that all educators employed with New Hampshire districts must have their employment status updated every year. This includes all SAU office staff, such as the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Business Administrator. If the employment information is not updated, it will affect their ability to renew online. Since we no longer use the Personnel Action Form (PAF), the Bureau of Credentialing is relying on districts to enter the data. For technical issues with the i4see uploads please contact [i4see.help@doe.nh.gov](mailto:i4see.help@doe.nh.gov).

Contact: Lisa Landenberger, (603) 271-2409, [Lisa.Landenberger@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Lisa.Landenberger@doe.nh.gov) or  
Karen Soule, (603) 271-4196 [Karen.Soule@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Karen.Soule@doe.nh.gov)

**C. Renewal Late Fee**

Please inform educators whose credentials expire June 30 of this year, that the late fee (\$50.00) is being re-instated and will apply to all employed educators whose transmittal form (postmarked) or their online renewal is received after June 30, 2013. While components of the new on-line system were being developed and implemented, that fee had been suspended to allow for adjustment to the new process.

Contact: Lisa Landenberger, (603) 271 2409, [Lisa.Landenberger@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Lisa.Landenberger@doe.nh.gov)

**D. Statement of Eligibility (SOE)**

As you enter the hiring process for next year please be sure that any candidates that you are considering for Alternative 4, critical shortage or career/technical areas, or Alternative 5 have a SOE in the area of certification for which they are being considered.

Contact: Karen Soule, (603) 271-4196, [Karen.Soule@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Karen.Soule@doe.nh.gov)

**E. Call for Applications to Serve as K-12 Representative to the NH Council for Teacher Education**

**(This is separate from the call for applications to serve as a member of the Professional Standards Board)**

We are seeking a current or retired K-12 educator who wishes to bring the experience and perspective of school-based educators to the work of the Council for Teacher Education (CTE). The CTE is authorized by statute (RSA 190) to coordinate teacher education in New Hampshire in an advisory capacity through a continuing study and discussion of pre-service progress and the CTE shall issue advisory reports to agencies and institutions, public and private, concerned with teacher education. CTE members participate both in co-leading on-site and online efforts to assess and approve educator preparation programs in New Hampshire, and in recommending policies and practices that foster continuous improvement of educator preparation. To apply, please obtain the application form on the NH DOE Web site at [www.education.nh.gov/state\\_board/council\\_teach\\_ed.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/state_board/council_teach_ed.htm). Deadline for applications is May 3, 2013.

Contact: Lisa Kaim (603) 271-8049, [Lisa.Kaim@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Lisa.Kaim@doe.nh.gov)

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**DATA**

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**A. i4see - Spring NECAP Labels**

The i4see workbench will be open for the second round of spring NECAP Science Labels from April 15 through April 30, 2013. Please remember to use the submission type NECAPspr in the second column of these uploads. These files only need to be batch verified. Certification of NECAPspr is not needed.

Contact: Sandy Hyslop, (603) 271-2831. [i4see.help@doe.nh.gov](mailto:i4see.help@doe.nh.gov)

**B. MS-22 Forms (Report of Appropriations Actually Voted)**

A completed Form MS-22 (Report of Appropriations Actually Voted) for each school district must be forwarded to the Bureau of Data Management within 20 days of the close of the school district meeting as required by RSA 198:4-a, II.

Note: Copies of the school district meeting minutes, warrant articles, and the results of all votes taken should also be forwarded to the Bureau.

Contact: Ron Leclerc, (603) 271-3876, [Ron.Leclerc@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Ron.Leclerc@doe.nh.gov)

### **C. School Board Members**

In accordance with RSA 671:31 the forms that were sent out to update information about school board members are due back to the Bureau of Data Management by May 1, 2013. Please be sure to include the new term expiration dates and chairperson(s).

Contact: Sandy Hyslop, (603) 271-2831, [Sandy.Hyslop@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Sandy.Hyslop@doe.nh.gov)

### **D. School District Calendars**

Please be sure to enter your school district's 2013-2014 calendar into ESS (from myNHDOE) as soon as it is available. Once entered, please print a copy of the certified audit report and send it to the Bureau of Data Management. These are due by May 1, 2013.

Contact: Sandy Hyslop, (603) 271-2831, [Sandy.Hyslop@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Sandy.Hyslop@doe.nh.gov)

### **E. Teacher Salary Schedules**

As soon as the teacher contract has been approved for your school district, please forward a copy to the Bureau of Data Management. These are due by June 1, 2013.

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## **GED**

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### **A. New Hampshire Chooses New High School Equivalency Test**

On Wednesday, March 20, 2013, the New Hampshire State Board of Education approved a new high school equivalency test that will be used throughout New Hampshire starting in January, 2014. The new test will be the basis for awarding a New Hampshire High School Equivalency Certificate by the NH Department of Education (NH DOE). A new high school equivalency test was needed since the current version of the GED test had not been updated since 2002. The Pearson Corporation decided to update the test and align it with the Common Core Educational Standards now being introduced in most states. During the past year several other vendors including the Educational Testing Service (ETS) and McGraw Hill/CBT also developed high school equivalency tests tied to the Common Core State Standards. The NH DOE conducted a Request for Proposal Process (RFP) in which vendors submitted their tests for consideration by the State of New Hampshire. After a review process that included current New Hampshire GED local test administrators, the proposal from the ETS was selected as best meeting the needs of New Hampshire citizens. The new test will be available in both paper based and computer based formats for at least three years. While plans are not yet complete regarding the cost of the new test and availability of testing centers, the Bureau of Adult Education intends to continue the availability of high school equivalency testing throughout the state and at the lowest possible cost to the public.

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**GRANTS and REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS**  
**ALL RFPs Can be Found on the Department Website at**  
**[www.education.nh.gov/rfp/index.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/rfp/index.htm)**

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**A. Homeless Education Program**

The New Hampshire Department of Education, Homeless Education Program seeks proposals from local education agencies (districts) for the development and/or continuation of programs which meet the unique needs of New Hampshire children and youth living in homeless situations. Grants will be awarded to local education agencies that meet the requirements of the federal McKinney-Vento Act and the specifications outlined in the RFP. It is anticipated that 4-6 grants will be awarded. Grant awards are for a 3-year funding cycle (2013-2016). A non-binding intent to apply notification is required by April 5, 2013. Deadline for submission is May 10, 2013.

Contact: Lynda Thistle Elliott, (603) 271-3840, [Lynda.Thistleelliott@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Lynda.Thistleelliott@doe.nh.gov)

**B. State Institutions Career and Technical Education Projects**

The NH DOE seeks applications for grants to create, expand, or improve career and technical education, or other occupational skill development programs, for either of two populations: 1) incarcerated juveniles and/or adult offenders or 2) individuals with disabilities. From \$50,000 to \$60,000 are available for one-year grants. Project funds are 100% federal. Deadline is May 7, 2013.

Contact: Laurie MacRae, 603-271-3888 or [Laurie.Macrae@doe.nh.us](mailto:Laurie.Macrae@doe.nh.us)

**C. USDA Summer Food Service Program**

The NH DOE is seeking an individual to develop a nutrition and physical activity curriculum and supporting documents that are based on the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program rules and regulations. Deadline for submission is April 15, 2013.

Contact: Marjorie Schoonmaker, (603) 271-3620, [Marjorie.Schoonmaker@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Marjorie.Schoonmaker@doe.nh.gov)

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**SCHOOL APPROVAL STANDARDS**

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**This section applies to both public and non-public schools**

Please notify the Office of School Approval staff prior to instituting any district changes such as moving grades from one school to another.

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Leslie Higgins, (603) 271-3759, [leslie.higgins@doe.nh.gov](mailto:leslie.higgins@doe.nh.gov)

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**DEPARTMENT STAFF UPDATES**

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The Bureau of Special Education announces the addition of **Janelle Cotnoir**. Janelle is working as the Grants & Contracts Technician with the Bureau's State Personnel Development Grant. She can be reached at (603) 271-3843 or [Janelle.Cotnoir@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Janelle.Cotnoir@doe.nh.gov).

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## RESOURCES

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### A. Health Teachers Collaborative Ring

The Health Teachers Collaborative Ring (<https://sites.google.com/a/nheon.org/nhdrc-collaboration-ring/nh-health>) is up and running but will continue to be a work in progress with your input. The goal will be for it to develop into an integral part of daily communication, planning, and sharing. To accomplish this, your positive input, communication, planning, and sharing is needed. So check it out, introduce yourself, submit ideas, check back regularly, and contribute your favorite lessons, sites, tools, or start a discussion.

Contact: Mary Bubnis, (603) 271-3889, [Mary.Bubnis@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Mary.Bubnis@doe.nh.gov)

### B. Let's Move! Active Schools

First Lady Michelle Obama recently joined organizations from across sectors to launch Let's Move! Active Schools, a comprehensive effort to bring physical activity back to America's schools. Everyone has a role to play in helping our students lead healthy, active lifestyles – and this program encourages leadership and collaboration at every level. For more information please visit [www.letsmoveschools.org](http://www.letsmoveschools.org). The Web site includes grant resources, defines the issue, and describes the program. For the full press release go to [www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2013/03/01/first-lady-michelle-obama-launches-lets-move-active-schools](http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2013/03/01/first-lady-michelle-obama-launches-lets-move-active-schools).

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## OTHER

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### Boston New England Scholarship

The Boston NE National Academy of Television Arts And Sciences (NATAS) Scholarship Foundation, Inc. (in coordination with the Boston/New England Chapter of the NATAS) will award a \$2,500 scholarship to a high school senior who intends on declaring their major in the television or related field and will be attending a four-year undergraduate college or university.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) High school senior graduating in 2013
- 2) Intends on declaring their major in the television or a related field
- 3) Will be attending a four-year undergraduate college or university
- 4) New England resident
- 5) Completed application

For an application or more information go to <http://newenglandemmy.org/student-awards/2013-bostonnew-england-scholarship/548-2>. The deadline is April 19, 2013.

### Fisher Cats Foundation Scholar-Athlete Scholarships

The Fisher Cats and the Fisher Cats Foundation are proud to support our youth through the Fisher Cats Foundation Scholar-Athlete Scholarships. Each year, the foundation awards \$2,500 scholarships to ten New Hampshire students and two Massachusetts students. Fisher Cats Foundation Scholar-Athlete Scholarship recipients will be selected using criteria that includes academic achievement, athletic achievement and active citizenship. For an application and more information go to [www.nhcf.org/page.aspx?pid=958](http://www.nhcf.org/page.aspx?pid=958). Applications will be accepted through April 15, 2013.



**STEM Scholars Program**

Nationally, one million students with STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) backgrounds will be needed to meet business needs in the next decade and NH employers are already reporting shortages. The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation will help meet the challenge of attracting and retaining STEM students by providing up to \$500,000 in scholarships for New Hampshire students studying in STEM fields. Deadline is April 15, 2013. For more information and to apply go to [www.nhcf.org/page.aspx?pid=1270](http://www.nhcf.org/page.aspx?pid=1270).

**Active Schools Acceleration Project**

Last year Active Schools Acceleration Project (ASAP) found amazing, yet simple, school-based physical activity programs that motivated kids to get moving at school. They are now ready to empower 1,000 schools to adopt these award-winning models and show that fun physical activity is an important component of a quality education and a great school. ASAP will award 1,000 elementary schools in the United States \$1,000 each to kick start one of three school-based physical activity programs – 100 Mile Club, BOKS, or Just Move. In addition to the grant money, participating schools will get a ‘game plan’ for their chosen program and a nationwide support network of other champions embarking on the same path. Applications will be accepted through April 22, 2013. Visit [www.ActiveSchoolsASAP.org](http://www.ActiveSchoolsASAP.org) for more information.

**Artist Residency in Schools (AIR)**

AIR grants provide partial funding to bring juried teaching artists into classrooms and public schools to support creative learning and skills development in the arts. AIR grants support partial costs for artist residencies in a variety of arts disciplines. AIR projects are intended to set a model for this work. For more information go to [www.nh.gov/nharts/grants/partners/artistresidencies.htm](http://www.nh.gov/nharts/grants/partners/artistresidencies.htm) or contact Catherine O’Brian, [Catherine.R.OBrian@dcn.nh.gov](mailto:Catherine.R.OBrian@dcn.nh.gov). Deadline: April 12, 2013.

**Youth Arts Project Grants: for Extended Arts Learning**

Youth Art Project Grants (YAP) fund high-quality arts and cultural education programs that encourage creativity, develop new arts skills and foster academic success for young people. The overall goal of this grant offered by the NH State Council on the Arts is to provide young people increased opportunities to engage in the arts beyond the normal school day so that they can develop creative problem solving skills and become more engaged with their communities. Activities may take place after regular school hours, in the summer or on weekends, in or/and outside of the school. Partnerships between schools, arts organizations and community organizations are encouraged. For more information go to [www.nh.gov/nharts/grants/youtharts.htm](http://www.nh.gov/nharts/grants/youtharts.htm) or contact Catherine O’Brian, [Catherine.R.OBrian@dcn.nh.gov](mailto:Catherine.R.OBrian@dcn.nh.gov). Deadline: April 19, 2013.

**Alternative Approaches to Special Education**

Antioch University New England invites you to a one-day conference, *Can We Do Better? Alternative Approaches to Special Education* to be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The conference features Kim John Payne, author of *Simplicity Parenting* as the keynote speaker and will also have a series of workshops and a panel discussion with experienced practitioners in the field of inclusive models. The conference will also serve as an introduction to Antioch Department of Education's new Holistic Special

Education masters program offering dual state certification in Elementary Education and Special Education. For more information or to register for the conference, please go to [www.antiochne.edu/acsr/events](http://www.antiochne.edu/acsr/events) or contact Peg Smeltz at (603) 283-2301. For more information about the masters program in Holistic Special Education, contact Laura Andrews at [admissions@antioch.edu](mailto:admissions@antioch.edu).

### **Archaeology Teacher Workshop**

Educators interested in incorporating archaeology into their classrooms, including as a way to reach Common Core State Standards, are invited to attend a Project Archaeology Teacher Workshop on Friday, April 19, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center in Laconia, NH. Presented by the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources (NHDHR), New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT), New Hampshire State Conservation and Rescue Archaeology Program (SCRAP) and Prescott Farm, this teacher workshop offers hands-on interdisciplinary lessons in social studies, math, science, art, communication and language arts. It provides a means to increase environmental awareness, higher-level thinking skills, stewardship values and multi-cultural appreciation. Cost of course is \$45. Pre-registration is required. To register or for more information visit [www.nh.gov/nhdhr/programs/project\\_archaeology.html](http://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/programs/project_archaeology.html) or call Tanya Krajcik at (603) 271-6568.

### **The Bike-Walk Alliance of NH Train the Trainers Program**

BWA-NH is offering the Safe-Routes-to-School-funded Train the Trainers (TTT) program for school faculty to promote standardized, sustainable bicycling education in grades 4 and 5. The TTT program is conducted by a certified Master League Cycling Instructor (LCI). Training sessions are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis and are offered about any time of day or evening, weekends included. A minimum of six "qualified" participants are required to conduct a session. Several schools in a given region often work together to allow this free training. After completion of the three-hour training, trainers will teach students what they need to know at their level, not the finer points of cycling. Bikes and helmets may be brought to the seminar, but are not required. The only requirement is a commitment to implement the LAB/NBDA standardized bicycling education program in your school on a sustainable basis. Part of the training session includes suggestions how implementation may be accomplished without significant addition to class time. To register or for more information go to [www.bwanh.org](http://www.bwanh.org).

### **The Frost Place Conference on Poetry and Teaching**

The Frost Place Conference on Poetry and Teaching brings together hard-working classroom teachers and highly skilled poet/teachers to share time-tested approaches to making poetry an essential element of the classroom. This conference will take place June 23 - 27, 2013 and graduate and continuing education credit are available in partnership with Plymouth State University. Deadline to register is May 15, 2013. To register and for more information go to [www.frostplace.org](http://www.frostplace.org) or contact Sarah Audsley at (603) 823-5510 or [saudsley@frostplace.org](mailto:saudsley@frostplace.org).

### **Peers Sharing Success Tri-State Conference**

The Peers Sharing Success tri-state conference for Maine, NH and VT has been rescheduled to August 14 & 15 at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, VT. This date change reflects requests received to host the event after states receive their Title I and Title IIA allocations in



July which can be used to pay for the registrations. Keynote speakers are VT Secretary of Education, Armando Vilaseca, and Barbara Moody, President of Learning Forward New England and Director of Teacher Education at Husson University in Bangor, Maine. To register go to <https://sites.google.com/site/peersharingsuccess>.

### **Watershed Ecology Institute (WEI)**

Registration for the newly refurbished Watershed Ecology Institute is now available. It has been revamped for a more direct link to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and its use in aquatic studies. Focus will be on rivers, wetlands and estuarine and rocky shore aquatic environments. Participants will be studying rivers by collecting, mapping and analyzing water quality and fisheries data sets from EPSCoR and NHF&G and will unveil a new rocky shore coastal transect as part of the marine day. Teachers will go home with access to free GIS software and aquatic study tutorials to use in their classrooms. Instruction will be given from various resource specialists and teachers themselves. Keene State College will offer 3 undergraduate/graduate credits for \$660.00 and no additional fees. Small stipends for in-service teachers will also be available. To register or to view the WEI flyer go to <https://sites.google.com/site/nhedgis/training>. For more information contact Judy Tumosa at NH Fish and Game, (603) 271-0456, or [judy.l.tumosa@wildlife.nh.gov](mailto:judy.l.tumosa@wildlife.nh.gov).

### **ACT<sup>®</sup> Test**

Registration is now open for the June 8, 2013, administration of the ACT college and career readiness exam. Students who want to take the exam on this date must register by May 3, 2013. Students can register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or by mail. Paper registration forms can be obtained from school counselor offices or by requesting a registration packet from ACT. More information can be found at [www.education.nh.gov/spotlight/act.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/spotlight/act.htm).

### **Bike Safety at NH Motor Speedway**

The Safe Kids 500 is a free bike ride event for kids of all ages held at NH Motor Speedway in Loudon on May 1, 2013. The time for the actual ride on the track will be 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. with registration beginning at 5:00 p.m. This activity is sponsored by Hannaford and organized by Children's Hospital at Dartmouth, Safe Kids NH, and Children's Speedway Charities. The goal is to promote helmet use and safe riding by all bicycle riders. Free bike safety and helmet checks will be provided by S&W Sports, the Bike Walk Alliance of NH, and the Brain Injury Association. Healthy snacks and water will be provided. There is no pre-registration but questions may be directed to the Injury Prevention Center at (877) 783-0432. Please let us know if your organization will be bringing a bus so that we may have adequate parking available.

### **Digital Learning Day: Celebrating Innovative Classroom Technology**

Over 25,000 teachers and millions of students in all 50 states participated in the second annual Digital Learning Day, a national campaign promoting digital learning and shining a spotlight on successful classroom technology initiatives. Though the event lasted one day, educators are encouraged to engage with technology year round, according to the Alliance for Excellent Education, a national policy and advocacy organization that hosted the event. To learn more, visit [www.digitalllearningday.org](http://www.digitalllearningday.org).

**Fisher Cats Educational Days**

The New Hampshire Fisher Cats have announced the team's Educational Days for the 2013 season. Schools can choose from the following games:

- April 10th (10:35 a.m.)
- April 25th (10:35 a.m.)
- May 8th (10:35 a.m.)

Join schools from across the State as they take part in an educational setting while attending a professional baseball game. The Fisher Cats encourage you to plan your lesson plans around your field trip to the park. There will also be:

- Interactive educational material on the video board
- Pre-Game educational activities on the field
- Educational exhibits and entertainment on the concourse
- Historical characters walking around the stadium

Tickets for this event are offered at a discounted rate and vary from \$5-\$8. For more information or to book your group go to

[www.milb.com/team2/page.jsp?ymd=20100513&content\\_id=10015030&vkey=team2\\_t463&ext=.jsp&sid=t463](http://www.milb.com/team2/page.jsp?ymd=20100513&content_id=10015030&vkey=team2_t463&ext=.jsp&sid=t463) or contact Stephanie Fournier at (603) 641-2005 ext. 105 or e-mail [sfournier@nhfishercats.com](mailto:sfournier@nhfishercats.com).

**Free Access to the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA), Boston**

P. Andrews "Andy" McLane, a member of the MFA Board of Trustees, and his wife, Linda Harper McLane have established the McLane Family New Hampshire Student Membership Program. The program provides free access to the Museum for all students (regardless of residency) attending New Hampshire elementary schools (public and private) through college, as well as homeschoolers and school groups. Also eligible are all residents of New Hampshire attending schools out of state. The program provides entry to all MFA galleries and exhibitions, including the current New Hampshire-related exhibition Art of the White Mountains. For more information please contact Karen Frasca at (617) 369-3442 or [kfrascona@mfa.org](mailto:kfrascona@mfa.org).

**Open House At Owl Brook Hunter Education Center**

Enjoy a day of family fun with hands-on activities related to the shooting sports, hunting and trapping at an Open House at Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness on Saturday, June 1, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Admission is free. The center is located at 387 Perch Pond Road in Holderness, N.H. For more information go to [www.huntnh.com/Hunting/hunter\\_ed\\_center.htm](http://www.huntnh.com/Hunting/hunter_ed_center.htm).

**N.H.'s 2013 Poetry Out Loud Champion**

Dan Belshaw from Oyster River High School in Durham is the winner of New Hampshire's eighth Poetry Out Loud championship. Stephanie Bilodeau from Keene Public Library's program was selected as alternate champion. As state champion, Dan Belshaw receives \$200 from the national Poetry Out Loud program and travel expenses from the Poetry Foundation for himself and an adult chaperone to compete for the national championship. His high school receives a \$500 stipend for the purchase of poetry books. The national Poetry Out Loud competition takes place in Washington, D.C., on April 28 – 30, 2013; high schools students from 50 states will gather to recite their selected poems. More information about

New Hampshire's Poetry Out Loud program, including a list of high school champions, state semi-final participants and state championship participants, is available by clicking on the "Poetry Out Loud" link at [www.nh.gov/nharts](http://www.nh.gov/nharts). More information about the national program is available at [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org).

**Wolfeboro Summer Boarding School**

Wolfeboro is an independent, non-profit summer boarding school unaffiliated with any other school. For 103 years, Wolfeboro has been the high-end summer option for parents seeking substantial progress for their son or daughter in a purposeful academic program. The value and cost are perceived as a bargain by parents, schools and educational consultants. The School provides a faculty and staff of 70 to serve 190 students. This year the summer program will run June 26 to August 7. For more information or to apply go to [www.wolfeboro.org](http://www.wolfeboro.org).

**NHASCD Wins ASCD's 2013 Affiliate Excellence Award**

At its recent annual conference in Chicago, attended by 10,000 educators, ASCD presented its 2013 Affiliate Award for Overall Excellence to NHASCD. New Hampshire ASCD was recognized for its work to increase membership and provide increased professional learning opportunities, such as Common Core workshops. President Bill Carozza thanked ASCD for this special recognition, and expressed his appreciation to the NHASCD Board and NHASCD's over 960 members for their support of NHASCD's outstanding professional learning programs, services, and publications.